

JUNE 11, 1969

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
C/O AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY @ 155 ST.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEAR MR NEWMAN:

I RECENTLY HEARD YOU WERE PREPARING
A PAPER ABOUT THE BUNGTOWN COPPERS.
I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THESE PIECES,
AND I HAVE A FEW UNLISTED ONES.
I PURCHASED BOB ULACK'S BUNGTONNS
AND HAVE BEEN ADDING TO THEM PLEASE
LET ME KNOW IF I CAN AID YOU IN
YOUR BOOK.

I'M A GRADUATING MEDICAL STUDENT WITH
AN AVID APPETITE FOR NUMISMATICS. I
WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO ASSIST YOU
IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. THANKS. I AM
FAMILIAR WITH ^{SOME OF} YOUR PREVIOUS NUMISMATIC PAPERS.

SINCERELY
Brian Altman
BRIAN ALTMAN

MY NEW ADDRESS AS OF
JUNE 26, 1969 WILL BE:

BRIAN ALTMAN
282 WASHINGTON ST.
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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June 19, 1969

Mr. Brian Altman
282 Washington St.
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Dear Mr. Altman:

I am preparing a book on what I consider
Bungtown Coppers and would very much appreciate any in-
formation you are in a position to furnish on pieces
coined in America.

I am not interested in evasion halfpence which
is what you may refer to as these were entirely English
and never used in America, according to my conclusions.
The endeavor to apply these evasions to America was a
late nineteenth century activity of a few coin dealers.
The fact that I am not researching evasion halfpence
varieties does not in any way affect my respect for their
fascination as an item in English numismatics.

It is particularly gratifying to have a person
like yourself volunteer to be of assistance in numismatic
projects and I wish everyone had the same attitude you
have.

I look forward to hearing from you if you have
any of the items I am studying or think you have.

Cordially yours,

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AUGUST 16, 1969

MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY
6450 CECIL AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 5, MISSOURI

DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF JUNE 19, 1969.
I AM ENCLOSEING A COPY OF A RECENT LETTER I SENT TO
BOB VLACK DESCRIBING SOME "BUNGTON COPPERS" NOT
LISTED BY ATKINS I WILL ALSO LIST BELOW THE OTHER
PIECES I OWN - SO IF ANY WILL BE HELPFUL FOR YOUR
RESEARCH, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. WHILE I REALIZE MOST
OF THESE PIECES WERE BRITISH, I HAVE FOUND SOME
OF THEM DESCRIBED BY HOWLAND WOOD IN HIS
"CANADIAN BLACKSMITH COPPERS" FROM THE NUMISMATIST, VOL. XXIII,
APRIL, 1910 AND JUNE, 1910. ANOTHER EARLIER REFERENCE
IS THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NUMISMATICS", VOL. XIX, P. 85, APRIL, 1888.

ALSO, A FOUR-VOLUME DESCRIPTIVE WORK OF BRITISH
MINOR, BATTY'S "DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF THE COPPER COINAGE
OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, BRITISH ISLES AND COLONIES, (VOL
IV ESPECIALLY), 1898 P 1292 MAY HAVE SOME ITEMS USEFUL
FOR YOUR UNDERTAKING.

THESE ARE ALL I COULD SO FAR LOCATE CONCERNING THE
WHOLE BUNGTON SERIES - MOSTLY BRITISH, UNFORTUNATELY.
IF YOU DO EVENTUALLY HAVE DUPLICATES, I WOULD BE HAPPY
TO TRADE, ETC.

HERE IS THE LISTING OF PIECES I OWN, WHICH ARE
COMPLETELY AT YOUR DISPOSAL IF THEY WILL AID YOUR PROJECT:

ATKINS #

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11

18, 21

52 VF R. ALFRED THE GREAT F. UNITHAND PEACE.

222 EF L. BRUTUS SEXTUS (TF) F PAX PLA LET 1771

27, 30, 31, 32, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52

56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65 (PROOF RESTRIKED), 69, 74

33a AU R. CLAUDIUS ROMANUS F. PAX PLA LET 1771

50a F R. CLAUDIUS ROMANUS F. PAX PLA CID 1775

67a F L. CORNWALL LIS IND F. BRITAN RULE 1771

76, 79, 81, 91, 93, 98, 108, 114, 115, 117

128, 132, 138, 140, 141, 143, 144, 147

150, 151, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 164

165, 166, 169, 173

130a VF R. GEORGE III. REX. F. BRITANNIA 1777

165a VG L. GEORGE - RULES A. NORTH WALES. 581 (SAME REV. AS 422)

179, 180, 182, 185, 186, 188, 191,

201, 203, 204, 209, 216, 222

180a G L. GEORGE - RULES. F. BRITAN. NIA. 1771

214a FR L. GEORGIUS. II. REX. F. BRITAN NIA. 1771

216a VGL. GEORGIUS. II. REX. F. BRITAN NIA. 1770

219a F L. GEORGIUS. II. REX F. BRIT E INE. I-R 17(?)8

224a VF R. GEORGIUS III DG REX F. RITAN NIA 1777

225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 232, 239, 252, 261, 272, 273

228a FR. GEORGIUS. III. REX. A. HIBER SIA. 1769

245a F R. GEORGIUS. PIT. SEX. F. BRITAN NIA 1775

280, 282, 283, 289, 293, 296, 297, 300, 304, 309, 314, 316, 320

275a FR. GLORIUS. IER. VES (G.D) A. NORTH WALES 1761

297a VF R. GLORIUS. IER VES A. HEBRIDES 1797

333, 335, 340, 341, 343, 355, 356, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 366,

369, 373

329a F R. GEORGIUS III. PAX. A. NOBEBSTA 1676

360a F R. GREGORY III. PON. (I.C) F. BRITAN RULES. 1771

361a F R. GREGORY. III. PON. (I.C) F. BRITAN RULES. 1771

361b F R. GREGORY. III. PON. (I.C) F. BRITAN RULES. 1771

MR. ROBERT A. V. LACK

JUNE 12, 1969

PLAISTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR BOB -

THANKS FOR SUGGESTING MY NAME TO
LENNY FENN - WE HAD JUST CROSSED
LETTERS IN THE MAIL. AFTER GOING OVER
THE PIECES FROM HIS COLLECTION AND SOME
OTHER ADDITIONS, HERE ARE THE NEW VARIETIES -
AND LISTED PIECES ADDED TO THE SET.

ATKINS

5A VF R. ALFRED THE GREAT F. UNIT. AND PEACE.

31 F L. CHARLES FOX. M.P. (1651) F. BRITAN NA RULES THE MAN.

52A AF R. CLAUDIUS ROMANUS F. DELEGAT RUS C 1774

73A VF L. CORNWALL LIS. IND F. BRIT. NA. RULES THE MAIN

135 XF L. GEORGE. REIGN'D. F. PITT. FUR. OVER 1780

1656 F L. GEORGE. RULES J. H. NORTH WALES 1781

1656 VS L. GEORGE. RULES. H. NORTH WALES 1789

1852 XF R. GEORGE RULES. I.C. H. NORTH WALES 17 36

1952 F/VE L. GEORGE RULES H. HILARIAS 377J
UNDEF 10 J. LIT. CENTER TO RIGHT

2022 F R. GEORGE SUSSEX F. BATER SEA. —

2286 F R. PEDRO VS. III. REX. H. HIBERNIA. 1763

2292 F/FF R. GEORGE VS. III. REX. H. HIBERNIA. 1781

6.296 VF R. GEORGE VS. III. REX. H. HIBERNIA. 1775
PIAFA 10 J. LIT. CENTER TO RIGHT

2732 VG R. GLORIOUS III. VIS F. 3171.

2946 VF L. GLORIOUS FE. NEW F. BRITISH TARS. 1797

3032 F/VE L. GLORIOUS. IER. VES H. HIBERNIA. 1797

3072 XF L. GOD SAVE THE KING F(R) OF ENGLAND. 1772

BRASS 3072 XF L. GOD SAVE US ALL H. HIBERNIA. 1696

3332 VF L. GOD SAVE US ALL

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- 355A XF R. GREGORY. III. PON. 9 F. BEL * DNA 1777
 361A FF R. GREGORY. III. PON. 10 F. BRITAIN RULES. 1771
 361C FF R. GREGORY III. PON. 10 F. BRITAIN RULES 1777
 364A VF R. GREGORY. III. PON. 10 F. BRITAIN RULES 1777
 379C XF L. GULIELMUS SHAKESPEAR (10) F. BRITAIN ISLES. 1730
 397A FVF L. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS. F. BRITAIN. NIA 1777
 408C ZONE LIVE THE KING 10 F. NORTH WALES 1777
 410C 4R LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH. H. * MUSIC CHARMS 1761
 422 CAS DESCRIBED 2 REV. DATE: 30 17
 438C L. S. FORGIVS LLUDOVIGUS XVI REV. BLANK
 438C R. S. BEAVIS SOUTHAMPTON H. * NORTH * WALES * (1) HALL STRINGS
 (USUALLY HAS 10 HALL STRINGS)
 439C L. THOMAS SEYMOUR. F. BRITAIN HAPPY ISLE. —
 446C L. WILLIAM. WILLIAMS. A HIBERNIA 17 56 (1) STRINGS
 469 VF E. WELIC SPOT
 472C F. GEORGIUS. III. REX. F. BRITAIN NIA. 1774
 480C VF CLORIVS. DUNCAN. (5) F. BRITAIN RULES 1777
 483C UNC R. GLORIVS PEL. LEW F. BRITAIN NIA. 1777
 487C RF L. GREGORY. II. PON. F. BRITAIN. RULES. 177(?)
 491C VF (BRASS) R. LORD CAMDEN. F. PEACE AND TRADE —

PLEASE EXCUSE THE LONG DELAY (2 MONTHS) IN
 THIS LETTER BUT BEING AN INTERN IS A
 TIRING JOB, ESPECIALLY RIGHT AFTER A
 QUICK MOVE. I HOPE THE ABOVE ITEMS
 WILL ADD TO OUR FUND OF KNOWLEDGE
 A BIT MORE.

SINCERELY,

Brian R. L. L. L.

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August 21, 1969

Dr. Brian D. Altman
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Dear Dr. Brian:

Thank you for the detailed information
in your letter of August 16, 1969.

I am familiar with the references you
cite and, unfortunately, Betty is probably the
most inaccurate and sloppy piece of work that
has been produced in this field.

You certainly seem to have a nice col-
lection of evasions.

Atkins, apparently, did not go in for
die varieties; only legend and vignette varieties,
so I imagine there are many additions which can
be made in this regard.

Lots of doctors are excellent numismatists
and I hope you will follow in their footsteps.

Sincerely yours,

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August 26, 1969

Dr. Brian D. Altman
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Dear Dr. Altman:

Your letter of August 16, 1969, listing your collection of evasions, has caused me to give the matter a lot of further thought. It would be a great help to numismatics to have a revised Atkins list published and you might want to do it.

The difficulties with the Atkins list, as now published, are as follows:

1. There are many typographical errors, causing variety confusion.
2. Atkins found at least 50 more varieties after he published his list.
3. There is no indication of die varieties as between pieces bearing the same legend.
4. The list is not fully in alphabetical order.
5. The use of the ditto marks causes confusion.
6. Many pieces were in poor condition so that Atkins could not read the dates, or the letters in full, or correctly.
7. There is no finding list by reverses.
8. There is no explanatory material as to what some of the legends mean.

I have seen and examined Atkins' original list, which is in the Ashmolean Museum, in Oxford, England. His subsequent notes are also there. There are a number of collections which could be examined in England and America to supplement the matter. My own collection has a good many

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Dr. Brian D. Altman

August 26, 1969

unlisted pieces, just as yours does. Would you like to undertake this project?

You list, as Item 227-a, a 1787 piece which I would like to have a rubbing of, or you could send me the coin itself. A pencil rubbing is all that is necessary to check whether I already know of it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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